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Ms. Sandra Doran
Director, New England State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement
New England Board of Higher Education
45 Temple Place
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Ms. Doran:

Enclosed is State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) application for the State of Maine and supporting documentation. On May 12, 2015 the 127th Legislature passed LD 428 amending the powers of the State Board of Education to participate in the SARA. The Maine Department of Education is the portal agency for SARA.

The SARA benefits Maine postsecondary educational institutions seeking to offer online programs to students in other states and provides an additional option to the students in the State of Maine. Additionally, the SARA strengthens professional relationships with out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions.

Sincerely,

Martha J. Harris
Chair
State Board of Education